

AL-IV-A-137
H.U.F. Flurshutz Store
25 North Centre Street
Cumberland

c. 1875-1900

This two-story flat roofed painted brick building is rectangular in shape, and was constructed between 1875 and 1900. It features a brick cap on the facade wall, with a wood cornice frieze with dentils. A projected brick cornice is above three facade rectangular vents with stone banding. Just below the cornice is a varied brick course with three quoins. The combination window unit has three fixed transom windows at the top. The lower portion of the window has a fixed rectangular glass in the center section and two double hung windows on each side. There are pilaster Doric columns at window separations. A cut white stone veneer over brick is on the lower facade. On the interior, the first floor is divided into two principal spaces, a large commercial space in front and a smaller elevated space behind (mezzanine). A pressed metal ceiling exists on both stories. The first floor was "modernized" in 1957. Covering the pressed metal ceiling with acoustic tile and surface mounted fluorescent lights and covering the floor with composition tile. The store front was altered at this time with the addition of the veneer stone. The second story is one large room with built-in storage bins; there are no architectural details other than a pressed metal ceiling and original glazing on the windows.

This building is typical in appearance and history to the majority of the buildings within the Downtown Cumberland Historic District. It was originally built for commercial use, and has been a variety/gift store for most of its 100+ year

history. The first land records indicate in a deed dated 9/15/1873 (Liber 39, folio 628) that it was conveyed from Samuel Ways to John N. Rice. Charles Rice et ex-et al., in a deed dated 7/31/1911 (Liber 108, folio 859) conveyed the land/property to H.U.F. Flurshutz. The property remained in the H.U.F. Flurshutz family, passed down through generations, until May 19, 1989, when the present owners purchased the property. Old receipts found in the attic indicated the property was a dime store-type venture in 1915. From 1918-1964, the Neff family leased the building for a postcard and framing shop. The Whitakers operated a gift store in the property from 1964-1982. The property was empty from 1982-1989, except for a brief occupancy by a music studio in 1984. The building is similar to its neighbors in size, scale, materials, and style.

REVIEW SHEET

Historic Preservation Certification Application—Significance

AL-IV-A-137

Property: 25 North Centre Street Project No.: _____Hi District: Downtown Cumberland Historic District
1/13/90 date initial application received by State _____ date(s) additional information requested by State

_____ date complete information received by State _____

4/4/90 date of this transmittal to NPS _____Inspection of property by State staff? ☒ no _____ yes date(s): _____☒ There is adequate documentation enclosed to evaluate the historic character and integrity of this property.

_____ There is insufficient documentation to evaluate the property adequately. The application is missing the following items:

Reasonable efforts have been made to obtain this information. Copies of the information requests are enclosed.

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This property involves:

_____ Extensive loss of historic fabric

☒ Substantial alterations over time

_____ Preliminary determination of listing

_____ for district

_____ for individual property

_____ Significance less than 50 years old

_____ Obscured or covered elevation(s)

_____ Moved property

_____ State recommendation inconsistent with NR documentation

_____ Recommendation different from the applicant's request

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Complete item(s) below as appropriate.

(1) The documentation on file with the National Register cites the period(s) of significance of this historic district as 1960-1930(2) The property ☒ contributes _____ does not contribute to the historic significance of this registered historic district in:☒ location ☒ design ☒ setting ☒ materials ☒ workmanship ☒ feeling _____ association

_____ Property is mentioned in the NR or State or local district documentation in Section _____, page _____.

(3) For properties less than 50 years old:

_____ the historical merits of the district (the periods and areas of significance) are documented in the National Register form or district documentation on file as less than 50 years old, justifying the certification of this property's contribution.

_____ the exceptional historical or architectural significance of this property as described in the National Register form or district documentation on file justifies its certification as contributing.

_____ there is insufficient justification to consider this property as contributing to the district for its individual exceptional architectural or historical significance or the significance of the district does not extend to the last 50 years.

(4) For preliminary determinations:

A. The status of the nomination for the property/historic district:

_____ Nomination has already been submitted to State review board, and nomination will be forwarded to the NPS within _____ months. (Draft nomination is enclosed.)

_____ Nomination was submitted to the NPS on _____.

_____ Nomination will be submitted to the State review board within twelve months.

_____ Nomination process likely will be completed within thirty months.

_____ Other, explain:

B. Evaluation of the property:

_____ Property is individually eligible and meets National Register Criteria for Evaluation

_____ Property is located within a potential registered district that meets National Register

Criteria for Evaluation: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D

Criteria Considerations: _____ A _____ B _____ C _____ D _____ E _____ F _____ G

(5) The property is located in a registered district, is outside the period(s) or area(s) of significance as documented in the NR form and:

_____ appears to contribute to the expanded significance of the district. Enclosed is the revised nomination documentation.

_____ does not appear to contribute to the period(s) or area(s) of significance of the district.

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Describe and evaluate the physical characteristics of the property, its integrity, and its significance within the context of the historic district (or individually for preliminary determinations of individual listings).

This two story, brick commercial building was constructed circa 1875-1900. Originally built for commercial use, it is representative of the late nineteenth and early twentieth century commercial buildings which comprise the Downtown Cumberland Historic District. Although the street facade and first floor interior have been substantially altered, the upper stories retain original fenestration, floor plan and materials.

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State Official Recommendation:

This application for the above-named property has been reviewed by Elizabeth Harold, a professionally qualified architect, architectural historian, or historian on my staff.

- ☒ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ The property is included within the boundaries of a registered historic district, contributes to the significance of the district, and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ The property does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ The property appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
- ☐ The property does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will not be nominated.
- ☐ The property appears to contribute to the significance of a:
 - ☐ potential historic district which appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be nominated.
 - ☐ registered historic district but is outside the period(s) or areas of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS. Revised nomination or district documentation is enclosed.
- ☐ The property should be denied a preliminary determination that it could qualify as a certified historic structure.
- ☐ Insufficient documentation has been provided to evaluate the structure.

☐ Detailed NPS review recommended ☐ Precedent-setting case ☐ Forwarded without recommendation

4/4/90
Date

[Signature]
State Official Signature

☐ See attachments:

NPS Comments:

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

HISTORIC PRESERVATION CERTIFICATION APPLICATION
PART 1 — EVALUATION OF SIGNIFICANCE

FEB 13 1993

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NRIS No:

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Instructions: Read the instructions carefully before completing application. No certification will be made unless a completed application form has been received. Type or print clearly in black ink. If additional space is needed, use continuation sheets or attach blank sheets.

1. Name of property:

Address of property: Street 25 N Centre StreetCity Cumberland County Allegany State Maryland Zip 21502Name of historic district: Downtown Cumberland Historic District
☒ National Register district
 ☐ certified state or local district
 ☐ potential historic district

2. Check nature of request:

- ☒ certification that the building contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ certification that the structure or building and, where appropriate, the land area on which such a structure or building is located contributes to the significance of the above-named historic district for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes.
- ☐ certification that the building does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.
- ☐ preliminary determination for individual listing in the National Register.
- ☐ preliminary determination that a building located within a potential historic district contributes to the significance of the district.
- ☐ preliminary determination that a building outside the period or area of significance contributes to the significance of the district.

3. Project contact:

Name Dr. Sandra K. SmockStreet 833 Windsor Road City CumberlandState Maryland Zip 21502 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 759-3804

4. Owner:

I hereby attest that the information I have provided is, to the best of my knowledge, correct, and that I own the property described above. I understand that falsification of factual representations in this application is subject to criminal sanctions of up to \$10,000 in fines or imprisonment for up to five years pursuant to 18 U.S.C. 1001.

Name Dr. Sandra K. Smock Signature Sandra K. Smock Date 2/12/90Organization Perfect PresenceSocial Security or Taxpayer Identification Number 55# 307-50-2141Street 833 Windsor Road City CumberlandState Maryland Zip 21502 Daytime Telephone Number (301) 759-3804

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The National Park Service has reviewed the "Historic Preservation Certification Application — Part 1" for the above-named property and hereby determines that the property:

- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for the purpose of rehabilitation.
- ☐ contributes to the significance of the above-named district and is a "certified historic structure" for a charitable contribution for conservation purposes in accordance with the Tax Treatment Extension Act of 1980.
- ☐ does not contribute to the significance of the above-named district.

Preliminary Determinations:

- ☐ appears to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer according to the procedures set forth in 36 CFR Part 60.
- ☐ does not appear to meet the National Register Criteria for Evaluation and will likely not be listed in the National Register.
- ☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a potential historic district, which will likely be listed in the National Register of Historic Places if nominated by the State Historic Preservation Officer.
- ☐ appears to contribute to the significance of a registered historic district but is outside the period or area of significance as documented in the National Register nomination or district documentation on file with the NPS.
- ☐ does not appear to qualify as a certified historic structure.

Date

National Park Service Authorized Signature

National Park Service Office/Telephone No:

☐ See Attachments

HISTORIC PRESERVATION
CERTIFICATION APPLICATION—
PART 1

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Property Name

25 N. Centre Street

Property Address

Project Number:

5. Description of physical appearance: Building within National Registry Historic District, identified on map as "contributing to the district." This two-story, flat-roofed painted brick building, rectangular in shape, was constructed between 1875-1900. It features a brick cap on the facade wall with a wood cornice frieze with dentils. A projected brick cornice is above three facade rectangular vents with stone banding. Just below the cornice is a varied brick course with three quoins. The combination window unit has three fixed transom windows at the top. The lower portion of the window has a fixed rectangular glass in the center section and two double hung windows on each side. There are pilaster doric columns at window separations. A cut white stone veneer over brick is on the lower facade. On the interior, the first floor is divided into two principal spaces, a large commercial space in front and a smaller elevated space behind (mezzanine). A pressed metal ceiling exists on both stories. The first floor was "modernized" in 1957, covering the pressed metal ceiling with acoustic tile and surface mounted fluorescent lights and covering the floor with composition tile. The storefront was altered at this time with the addition of the veneer stone. The second story is one large room with built in storage bins; there are no architectural details other than a pressed metal ceiling and original glazing on the windows.

Date of Construction: 1875-1900

Source of Date: Dept. of Community Development, Cumberland
Mike Pierce, Dir. 1991-1991

Date(s) of Alteration(s): 1957

Has building been moved? ☐ yes ☒ no. If so, when?

6. Statement of significance: Building within a registered historic district. The district is an intact grouping of architecturally significant commercial and professional buildings constructed between 1870 and 1925 that display a variety of styles and types of architectural ornamentation popular during the era. The district is significant as an early commercial center during Cumberland's rapid growth between 1860s and 1870s—and again between the 1890s and 1920. 25 N. Centre Street is a building typical in appearance and history to the majority of the buildings within the historic district. It was originally built for commercial use and has been a variety-gift store for most of its 100+ year history. The first land records indicate in a deed dated 9/15/1873 (Liber 37, Folio 628) that it was conveyed from Samuel Ways to John N. Rice. Charles Rice et ux et al, in a deed dated 7/31/1911 (Liber 108, Folio 259) conveyed the land/property to H.U.F. Flurshutz. The property remained in the H.U.F. Flurshutz family, passed down through generations, until May 19, 1989 when the present owners purchased the property. Old receipts found in the attic indicated the property was a dime store-type venture in 1915. From 1918-1964 the Neff family leased the building for a postcard and framing shop. The Whitaker's operated a gift store in the property from 1964-1982. The property was empty from 1982-1989, except for a brief occupancy by a music studio in 1984. The building is similar to its neighbors in size, scale, materials and style.

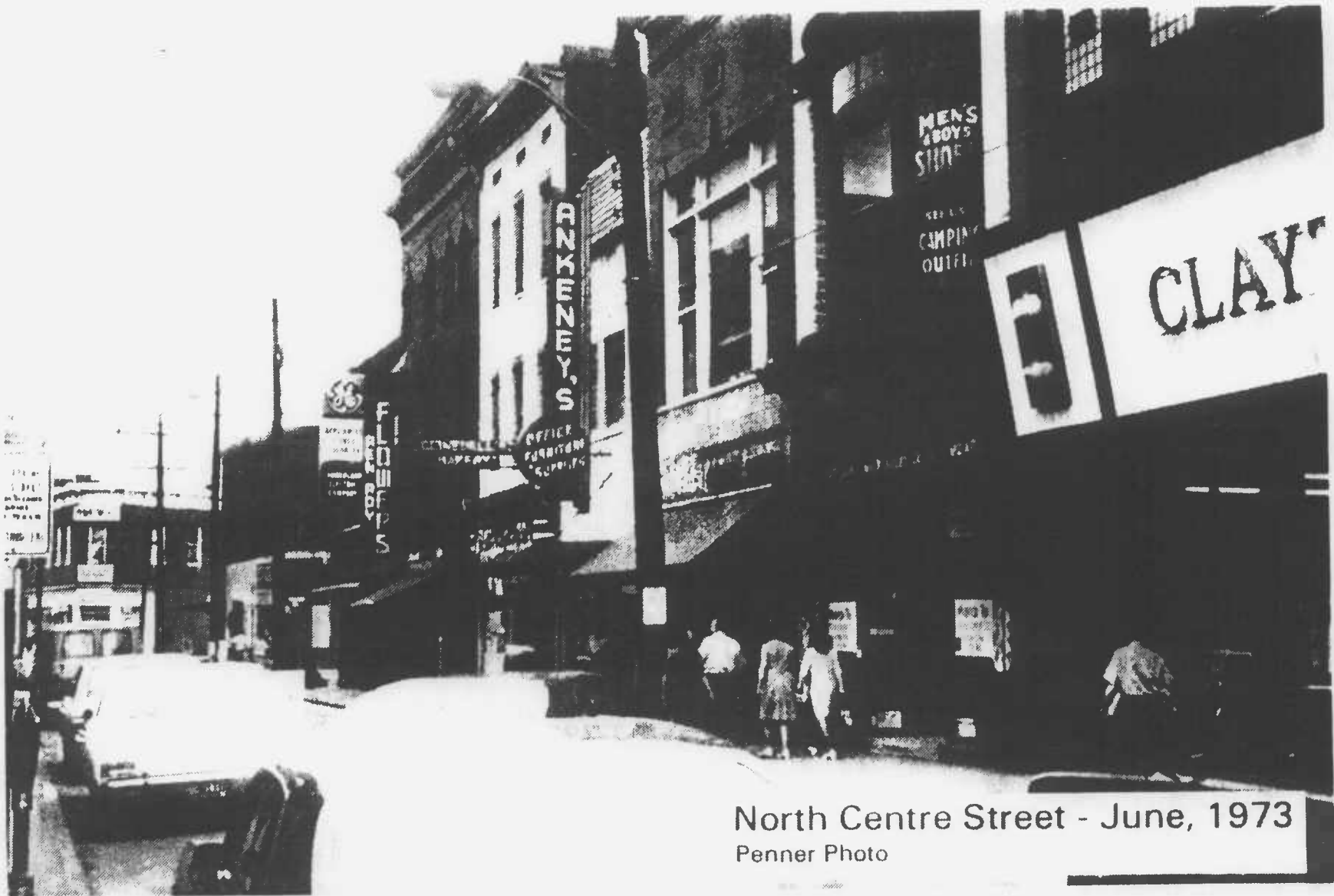
7. Photographs and maps.

Attach photographs and maps to application.

Attached: Photographs of building and streetscapes before rehabilitation and a Map of the Downtown Cumberland Historic District with 25 N. Centre Street highlighted

Continuation sheets attached: ☒ yes ☐ no

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North Centre Street - June, 1973

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North
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North Mechanic looking South
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